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From the President



The NIRI-Chicago Chapter was recognized at the National Conference in Seattle with the award for Best Overall Large Chapter at the Saturday night chapter officers award dinner. Congratulations to the NIRI-Chicago Board, our Advisory Board, and the membership on this distinctive honor. The award sets the bar high for the next program year! Also, at the same event, Lisa Meers, CFA, manager, investor relations, Walgreens, received the Individual Leadership Award for Chicago, based on her leadership last year in numerous areas,

which included heading up our sponsorship efforts.

For those who were in Seattle and for those who for reasons of business or family could not attend -- please don't forget that on June 21 we'll hold our own annual Chapter meeting right here in Sweet Home Chicago to celebrate the past program year's achievements and look forward to the next. The new slate of officers and directors officially takes the helm as of this meeting. The voting closes for the new slate of officers June 20, so if you haven't cast your vote yet, please do so by clicking on the website link enclosed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our annual meeting event begins at 5:30 p.m. and mixes the social with our Chapter business, so it's the best of both worlds. Your new incoming board will be there to solicit your opinions on IR past, present and future, and new ways to help make your NIRI Chicago membership more valuable. Please join us for a fun evening in Greek Town. We guarantee you we won't be selling euro-bonds or debating the merits of the drachma vs. the euro -- but there will be flaming cheese!

On June 25 at 5:30 p.m., NIRI-Chicago members will be joining with the Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals-Chicago Chapter at Hamburger University in Oak Brook for an interactive presentation on various disclosure issues facing publicly traded companies.

Upcoming Events

June 21
NIRI-Chicago Annual Meeting & Social
Pegasus Restaurant
130 South Halsted St,
Chicago, IL
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
[Register](#)

June 25
Disclosure Issues Facing Publicly Traded Companies
Hamburger University
Oak Brook, IL
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
[Register](#)

Save the Date
August 22
NIRI-Chicago Golf
Outing

Highland Park Country
Club
Highland Park, IL

Registration and lunch
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Golf (shotgun start)
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Cocktail reception and
buffet dinner
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

September 10
NIRI-Chicago IR
Workshop
Effective Communication =
IR Currency

Hyatt Chicago Magnificent
Mile

633 North Saint Clair
Chicago, IL
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



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The topics addressed will include practice points in dealing with Regulation FD in an era of increased engagement with investors and other stakeholders. A reception will follow the program.

Registration is open for both June events at our [website](#).

This is my final President's Letter, as my term as president ends this month and I transition to chairman. I'd like to express my appreciation to the entire Board for their support in delivering a dynamic programming year beginning with our annual golf tournament last summer and our annual workshop at the Wyndham. As we all begin our summer NIRI-Chicago programming break, I'd like to ask all members to consider volunteering their efforts when we resume in August.

Finally, I'd like to thank retiring Board members Bill Pfund, vice president, investor relations, WMS Incorporated, and Mike Steele, CFA, director of investor relations at OfficeMax, for their contributions this year and in past years as well. Many returning Board members will be transitioning to different roles in the organization, and have already started working on next year's events with the September workshop, which is being co-chaired by Rena Pulido and Board member Victoria Sivrais. Also, golfers, rest assured, advisory board member Bill Chapman has taken on the mission once again of heading up the annual golf event at the Highland Park Country Club.

I look forward to seeing you later in June at our Chicago events, and throughout the year. In the meantime, enjoy your summer!

Best regards,

Steve Carr
President, NIRI-Chicago

OPA! June Annual Meeting and Social Event

Celebrate the beginning of summer and the end of another successful NIRI-Chicago program year on the veranda at Pegasus in Greektown. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails and, of course, flaming cheese.

Thursday, June 21
Pegasus Restaurant and Taverna
130 S. Halsted
Chicago, IL

Register.





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NIRI-Chicago Proxy - Your Vote is Needed

NIRI-Chicago members don't forget to complete and submit your proxy as soon as possible. The deadline is Wednesday, June 20, 2012. Access your proxy [here](#).

Tee Time is set for August 22



Get your drivers and putters out it's time for the **NIRI-Chicago Golf Outing**.

The day begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch and registration and concludes with a cocktail reception and buffet dinner.

Mark your calendar for **August 22**. Registration opens soon.

In the News

- [Rotational IR positions](#): Good use of talent or musical chairs?
- Fear and Greed - the real market movers. Is this the [new index](#) to measure investor emotion?
- Fed official says economy improving, no [easing likely](#) now.
- Egg on your Facebook? IPO deepens [investor distrust](#) of stocks.
- Extra. Extra. Read all about it. Buffet buys into [newspaper biz](#).
- [Corporate reputation](#) ranks low ... until crisis blows!

Member News

Welcome to NIRI-Chicago's newest member: Stephen Wenc, Senior Vice President, UL LLC

Thanks for reading the MEMBER CONNECTION.

If you have news to share -- promotions, new jobs, awards -- we'd love to tell our membership. Please send your information [here](#).

Janine Warell, Vice President, Communications